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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER DENIES SOVIET ARMS TO PAKISTAN

SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER HAS DENIED IN PARLIAMENT THAT USSR IS SUPPLYING NAVAL CRAFT WITH " KOMAR" MISSILES TO PAKISTAN BUT INDICATED PRC MIGHT HAVE. SINGH MENTIONED VARIOUS SOURCES OF ARMS TO IRAN AND AGREED US ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN HAD INTRODUCED NEW FACTOR IN SUBCONTINENT WHICH GOI HAD NOT/ NOT DISCUSSED WITH USSR. END SUMMARY

1. USING NEWS REPORT CARRIED BY HINDI AGENCY, RIGHTIST JANA SANGH LEADER A. B. VAJPAYEE AND OTHER MP' S TABLED CALLING-ATTENTION MOTION IN LOK SABHA (LOWER HOUSE) MARCH 29 ASKING WHETHER USSR SUPPLYING NAVAL CRAFT FITTED WITH " KOMAR" MISSILES TO PAKISTAN. IN WRITTEN REPLY, FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH CITED 6 JULY 1971 STATEMENT IN WHICH HE REITERATED SOVIET
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ASSURANCE IT NOT/ NOT SUPPLYING ARMS TO PAKISTAN; NOTED INDIA AND USSR IN " CLOSE TOUCH" SINCE BILATERAL TREATY SIGNED, SO GOI " CONFIDENT" USSR WOULD HAVE INFORMED IT OF ANY POLICY CHANGE; AND SAID GOI HAD CHECKED NEWS REPORT WITH USSR EMBASSY AND BEEN INFORMED " THERE IS NO/ NO BASIS WHATSOEVER FOR THIS REPORT." SINGH PROMISED SECOND CHECK THROUGH INDIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.

2. SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS ELICITED FROM FOREIGN MINISTER STATEMENT THAT ONLY USSR AND PRC POSSESSED SUCH NAVAL CRAFT; THERE WERE UNVERIFIED REPORTS PRC HAD SUPPLIED SOME TO PAKISTAN. ON ARMS TO IRAN, SINGH SAID USSR HAD SOLD " SOME MILITARY EQUIPMENT" TO TEHRAN BUT GOIHSAD NO/ NO INFORMATION ON TYPES/ QUANTITIES. USA REMAINED MAJOR ARMS SUPPLIER TO IRAN AND US (BUT NONT/ NOT SOVIET) ARMS SOLD TO IRAN HAD REACHED PAKISTAN. SINGH AGREED WITH VAJPAYEE' S STATEMENT THAT RECENT US DECISION ON ARMS TO PAKISTAN HAD INTRODUCED " NEW FACTOR" IN SUBCONTINENT SITUATION. SINGH STATED GOI HAD NOT/ NOT YET DISCUSSED US DECISION WITH USSR.
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